CONSTRUCTION OF POST OFFICE, TEXAS CITY, TEX.

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

DRAFT OF A PROPOSED PROVISION PERTAINING TO AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FOR SITES AND CONSTRUCTION, PUBLIC BUILDING ACT, POST OFFICE, TEXAS CITY, TEX.

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, February 19), 1931.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, February 19, 1931.

The President of the Senate.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a draft of a proposed provision pertaining to an existing appropriation for the Treasury Department, for sites and construction, public buildings, act of May 25, 1926, as amended.

The details of the proposed provision, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Bureau of the Budget, Washington, February 19, 1931.

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a draft of a proposed provision pertaining to an existing appropriation

for the Treasury Department, for sites and construction, public buildings, act of May 25, 1926, as amended, as follows:

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Sites and construction, public buildings, act of May 25, 1926, as amended, Texas City, Texas, post office, and so forth: For construction of a building on a site to be donated, under an estimated total cost of \$80,000.

The purpose of this provision is to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into contracts for the public building specified, in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the limit of cost fixed for the project, and to provide that lump-sum appropriations for the construction of public buildings heretofore or hereafter made pursuant to the provisions of the public building act, approved May 25, 1926, shall be available for carrying out the authorization. An increase in the lump-sum appropriation is not requested because it is believed that sufficient funds are available to meet all demands until the Budget for 1933 is transmitted to Congress and additional funds appropriated.

The foregoing draft of a proposed provision pertaining to an existing appropriation is required to meet contingencies and conditions which have arisen since the transmission to Congress of the Budget for 1931.

I recommend that the draft of the proposed provision be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

J. Clawson Roop, Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The President.

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